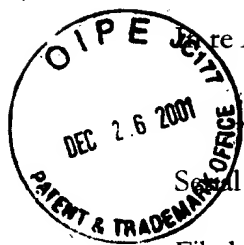


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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request a three month extension of time for responding to the Communication mailed July 23, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. The time for response is thus extended up to and including December 24, 2001.

REMARKS

The amendments set out above and the following remarks are believed responsive to the points raised in the Communication dated 23 July 2001. Entry of the above is respectfully requested.

In response to the Notice to comply with the sequence listing rules, please find attached a substitute CRF copy of the Sequence Listing, and a substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing. The undersigned attorney hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e), (f), or (g) or 1.825 (b) or (d).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required,